

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(MBHB Case No. 06-275)

In re Application of:	)	
Crabtree et al.	)	
	)	Examiner: Sikarl A. Witherspoon
Serial No.: 10/577,629	)	
	)	Group Art Unit: 1621
Filed: February 7, 2007	)	
	)	Confirmation No.: 9819
Title: Process For The	)	
Production Of Lactams	)	

RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION  
MAILED DECEMBER 20, 2007

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed December 20, 2007, Applicants respectfully request the Patent Office to reconsider the above-identified patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

The Listing of Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.